



OSM/VISTA Upper Paint Creek Watershed, WV

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The Upper Paint Creek OSM/VISTA, Brenda Hughes, has set out five goals for herself, which she hopes to accomplish during her tenure with the watershed association.



One of her goals is to maintain a Watershed Office, which helps the community by addressing any questions and concerns that may arise. She is also involved in site analysis of possible acid mine drainage sites. Getting involved



with the community is a crucial part of being an OSM/VISTA. Brenda is reaching out and educating the community as well as recruiting volunteers who will help with her efforts to clean the creek. She is also concerned with providing for the long-term sustainability of the watershed association.

Brenda is currently working on two acid mine drainage sites, including the site pictured above, located in Weirwood, WV. One concern at the site is possible drainage coming from over on the other side of the turnpike. The Watershed is part of the Byways and Backways program, which may run through their town and along the Paint Creek, affecting their entire watershed. They are trying to get a park and hiking trail built along the Paint Creek, which they hope to use to enhance tourism.

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